Early numbers show a 7 percent decrease in fall enrollment compared to last year’s, with a drop of about 867 in headcount and 8,496 in credit hours, said Stu Harvey, Planning and Research Executive director.

This fall semester’s headcount enrollment is currently 12,263 compared to last fall semester’s at 13,130, according to a report by Senior Research Analyst Joyce Morgan-Dees.

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Students sound off about issues faced first weeks

In addition, the front entrance into the Arts and Humanities area is closed while construction is ongoing between the Main Building and the Library.

General studies major Prashant Patel said she has had a hard time getting around.

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**EDITORIAL |** Writer says a lot goes into the final cost of a textbook

**OCCC bookstore prices justified**

It's a question college students face every semester: should I buy textbooks online for less or bite the bullet, spend a little extra money at the OCCC bookstore and get them now?

It is no secret the majority of students are not happy with the money they pay each semester for "required" textbooks they may or may not use, but what students may not realize is that $200 textbook may not be the big scam they believe it to be.

According to www.collegereview.ranked.com, a lot goes into pricing a textbook.

First is the issue of copyright. Publishers must make sure they pay copyright fees to every author in the book. This can sometimes be a pretty lengthy list.

Second, some books contain specialized materials hard to find elsewhere. Because few of these books are printed, this can drive up publishing costs.

And, buying a used copy of a textbook can actually increase the price of new books because publishers make no money when too many used books are in circulation.

That's where the cycle of not being able to sell a book back because it's no longer being used comes into play. Publishers must come out with new editions every few years in order to keep making money off that specific book.

In the day and age of digital technology, some textbooks are accompanied with online materials that can further drive up book prices.

In addition, there is always the cost of actually printing and distributing books.

So why should students shop at the bookstore if cheaper options are available?

If you are one of those people who wait until the first week of school to see if you will really need your book, ordering online could cause you to have to wait a couple weeks before you receive your materials. Buying from the bookstore guarantees you get your books immediately.

"According to figures from the National Association of College Stores, an average of 21.6 cents of every dollar spent on a new textbook will go to the bookstore, whether for personnel costs, operations, or income," www.usnews.com states.

This means the small profit the bookstore is making from selling books goes directly to OCCC. By buying books locally, you are supporting our school in a way you would not be able to do so by ordering online.

I am not saying all students should rush out and buy all their books from their college's bookstore. I will be the first person to say I am always in search of great deals online.

I just believe students should look into all options before buying textbooks. In some cases, the price of the bookstore's copy may not differ much from other retailers.

For students on a strict budget, buying the $50 used copy, renting from Textbook Brokers across from the college or downloading the ebook may be the best and most affordable option.

It is simply about finding what is best for you as a student and putting your money into action.

—Erin Peden

**Online Editor**

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR |** Library looking for reading helpers

**Tutors sought for free after-school reading library program**

To the editor:

The Capitol Hill library is like many libraries in cities all over the U.S., but it is not your typical library. In the Capitol Hill community, we have the unique opportunity to impact those who use our services. We are strategically placed in a neighborhood full of children.

They enter our doors seeking knowledge, entertainment, a social opportunity, or simply a place to sit for awhile. We give them more than a table and chair. We give them a welcoming space, encourage lifelong learning, and connect them to the digital world.

In January of 2012, our staff started a program offering homework help and reading practice to students in our community. It got off to a slow start, but interest increased over time due to promotion within the community and word of mouth.

We began to see the same parents bringing their children to the library every day after school for an extra bit of homework help and reading practice.

Since the Reading Sufficiency Act (SB 346), signed in 2011, many parents were worried that their third graders who struggled with reading would not pass to the next grade. They were desperate for help. They wanted their kids to succeed. They just weren’t sure how to help them and they came through our doors looking for answers.

The reading practice component was in so much demand that we continued it throughout the summer. We saw something wonderful happen.

Twice a week, parents brought their children to the library to read with volunteers all summer long. The kids ranged in ages from 3 to 10. Some were struggling readers, some budding readers and some strong readers. But the thing they all had in common were parents who wanted them to succeed through literacy.

The new school year has begun again, and we have parents and children seeking help.

We offer homework help and reading practice every Monday and Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. We are eager to provide this invaluable service to our customers, but we need your help!

If you want to help, please apply online at http://www.supportmls.org/volunteer.

Please contact Jennifer Jones at 606-3245 or email at jones@metrollibrary.org for more information.

—Jennifer Jones

**Capitol Hill Library, Children’s Services**
**MOVIE REVIEW | South Korean Director Park Chan-Wook stays on course with latest film**

‘Stoker’ visuals eerily stunning

If suspense is what you seek in a movie, then have I got a recommendation for you: “Stoker,” a psychological-thriller film recently released on DVD and On-Demand video services is one of the most exciting films I’ve seen in a long time.

“Stoker” is the English-film debut of South Korean director Park Chan-Wook. Park, who is notoriously known for his ventures into dark and twisted cinema, doesn’t stray far from his macabre legacy with “Stoker,” and as usual with his movies, it delights.

The film tells the story of 18-year-old India, whose beloved father dies in a car accident. Soon after his death, India’s estranged uncle shows up and moves in with the girl and her unstable mother. Soon, the sordid past of a twisted family begins to come into view to India, who finds herself torn between fear and the wonder inspired by the mystery of her wayfaring uncle.

I had high hopes for “Stoker.” Aside from a great director, the film also boasts a more than impressive cast with veteran actors Nicole Kidman and Matthew Goode, and a very promising up-and-comer, Mia Wasikowska.

Indeed, the cast did not disappoint. I was impressed with Wasikowska’s ability to hold her own onscreen with someone who has been acting as long as Kidman. The film was extremely well-acted. I’m disappointed that the small theater distribution of the film knocked it out of any chance to win major film awards.

Sure, I would’ve liked a few things to be a bit different.

The story was, to me, a bit predictable and the dialogue in the film (while minimal) was a bit less than outstanding.

However, what the writers of the film failed to convey in words, director Park made up for with eerily stunning (and sometimes just eerie) visuals.

I haven’t been as impressed with the cinematography of a film as I was with “Stoker” in a very long time.

**Rating:** A

—Katie Thurman

Senior Writer

**PROGRAM REVIEW | KRXO’s Matt Kemp delivers home-grown music on the ‘Cruise’**

Get your fix of blues Sunday nights

Jimi Hendrix, Muddy Waters, Eric Clapton, BB King — these are just a few of the artists you can expect to hear on KRXO’s “Sunday Night Blues Cruise.”

The “Cruise” airs every Sunday night from 9 p.m. to midnight and is hosted by Matt Kemp. The show starts with a few classic blues hits to get things warmed up.

Throughout the next three hours, Kemp plays the perfect blend of blues to appease listeners both young and old.

A great thing about the “Cruise” is listeners get to hear cuts of music they wouldn’t normally hear on the radio. While most stations usually have limits to song lengths, on the “Cruise” it is not uncommon to hear live or rare cuts of music lasting up to 10 minutes.

Every hour, Kemp features a specific artist by having a double shot of the blues, in which two songs are played back-to-back from a particular artist.

A major highlight of the “Cruise” is it also plays Oklahoma-grown blues.

Each week, Kemp features an “Okie set” in which a sequence of songs are played from local blues artists. This set is a great way for listeners to discover new artists and music they may not have even known was in their own backyard.

Listeners also can expect to hear about events coming up through the Oklahoma Blues Society, an organization Kemp is heavily involved in.

The Blues Society is a great way for people to take their love of the blues to a new level and get involved in the blues community.

Kemp’s smooth voice as well as the laid-back atmosphere of the show puts listeners at ease. Kemp presents his show in such a way that you feel as if the blues have been brought directly into your home.

The “Sunday Night Blues Cruise” is a radio show truly unique to Oklahoma.

Listeners are not only exposing themselves to great musical artists but also supporting local artists as well.

Kemp makes listening to the blues a fun experience for all.

Tune into the “Cruise” on 104.5 FM Sunday nights and wind down the weekend with some awesome tunes.

And don’t forget to ‘like’ the “Sunday Night Blues Cruise” and the Oklahoma Blues Society on Facebook to keep up with all things blues.

**Rating:** A+

—Erin Peden

Online Editor

**Financial Aid FACT SX**

Financial aid money available

Fall classes are under way. You have the courses you need, your books and materials for each course you are taking. There are financial resources available to help you with expenses throughout the semester and to help you as you plan for spring.

If you are still working on making payments on your tuition and fees, you may want to apply for financial assistance.

You can search for information on financial assistance available at OCCC by accessing the college homepage at www.occc.edu. Click on the Admissions and Financial Aid toolbar, then Financial Aid Office.

The first page provides you with current news to keep you up to date on recent changes related to financial assistance programs. From the first page you can connect to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. You are encouraged to apply to help with your expenses.

Review the menu items to select specific topics and review detailed information to help you understand how financial assistance can help meet all the expenses of being a student. Learn about grants, loans, and work-study.

Complete the FAFSA online and have your information sent to OCCC.

The Financial Aid Office will be able to determine if you are eligible for funds from a range of programs available. Students do not have to be full time in order to apply and be eligible for financial assistance. You must apply and have your FAFSA data sent to OCCC while you are enrolled as a student for the current year but not later than June 30, 2014, for Summer 2014 enrollment.

It is important to keep in mind that financial assistance is available to help you with the tuition, fees, books and other costs of being a student. Helping you remove financial barriers enabling you to enroll and continue to attend OCCC, and complete your degree or certificate is our role.

Visit the Financial Aid Office on the first floor of the Main Building 1G2.

Be sure to review the Financial Aid Webpage on the College Homepage: www.occc.edu or call us at 405-682-7525. The Financial Aid Office's normal hours of operation are: Monday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—Harold Case

Financial Aid Dean
Bruno Mars owns Moonshine Jungle tour

I feel sorry for those who missed the recent Moonshine Jungle tour. It was a well put together show that kept the audience spellbound from start to finish.

Ellie Goulding — who is even better looking in person — was the opening act.

Goulding started her show with some new songs from her recent album “Halcyon Days.” Afterwards, she broke out the bread and butter of her repertoire with “Anything Could Happen,” “I Need Your Love,” “Starry Eyed” and finally, “Lights.”

After Goulding finished, Bruno Mars took the stage.

Mars has an unbeatable stage presence. I almost feel like I should throw out my man card because there were a few times I was screaming.

He opened his show with “Moonshine,” a song I had never heard.

Now Mars does not travel with the typical band of drums, guitar and bass. This mastermind brought with him a pianist, and horn section complete with a saxophonist, trumpeter and trombonist that gave his performance a more soulful attitude. I felt like I was transported back to the ’60s or watching an episode of “Soul Train.”

Mars pulled out all the stops mixing “Money. It’s What I Want” with “Billionaire.” He also sang a medley of “Candy Rain,” “Our First Time” and “Pony.” He broke it down with his band and taught a little bit of RB 101 to the audience before singing “Marry You,” “If I Knew” and “Runaway Baby."

He performed other amazing songs from other albums as well, such as “When I Was Your Man,” “Grenade” and “Just the Way You Are.”

Then, Mars said goodbye. However, something did not seem right to me. That’s when I realized he forgot to play “Locked Out Of Heaven.”

About that time he rose up out of the stage, playing a fantastic drum solo that lead into “Locked Out Of Heaven” for his encore.

I highly enjoyed this concert as my first hip hop and R&B show.

Rating: A

—Grant VanWinkle
Staff Writer

Avenged Sevenfold finds tamer side

Avenged Sevenfold released their highly anticipated sixth studio album “Hail to the King” on Aug. 27. This marks the first album released featuring Arin Ilejay who stood in place of their late drummer Jimmy “The Rev” Sullivan during their Buried Alive tour in 2011.

He was made an official member this year and this is the first album without any musical contributions from “The Rev.”

My initial feeling toward the music after listening to the album in its entirety was bewildering amusement. It caught me off guard because this is a whole new side of Avenged.

It was almost as if they were holding back the aggression that is usually at the forefront of all their music. The elements were still there but somewhat layered in with a new profound sound of reflection and contemplation.

The first thing I noticed after listening to the title track “Hail to the King” was that they really stripped things down.

The song by itself just left me wanting more. I felt that frontman M Shadows was holding back vocally. He has a wide vocal range and he didn’t show off his capabilities enough in their first single. That set off my curiosity as to why they chose this song to kick off this album.

The album as a whole is tame and that would usually leave me disappointed but I think they pulled it off. I really dig the new direction they seem to be going.

I do have to say if you’re a die hard Avenged fan and are looking forward to Synyster Gates melting your face off in every song, I must warn you now that is not going to happen.

The opening track “Shepherd of Fire” is an epic intro that sets the mood for the entire album.

The song “Planets” is the most original track on the album and manages to transform the album into a beast.

The vocals are solid and M Shadows really shines. The overall composition of “Acid Rain” really stood out to me. I think it is a perfect closer.

As a whole I felt “Hail to the King” is simplistic and familiar which gives it a comfortability that will have me revisiting the album again and again.

Rating: B

—Lori Valentine
Online Writer

TOP 20 MOVIES
Weekend of Aug. 16 through Aug. 18
www.newyorktimes.com

1. Lee Daniels’ The Butler
2. We’re the Millers
3. The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones
4. The World’s End
5. Disney’s Planes
6. Elysium
7. You’re Next
8. Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters
9. Blue Jasmine
10. Kick Ass 2
11. 2 Guns
12. Jobs
13. The Smurfs 2
14. Despicable Me 2
15. The Wolverine
16. The Conjuring
17. Paranoia Relativity
18. Grown Ups 2
19. The Spectacular
20. Turbo
Students need to apply for spring graduation now

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Students who are planning to obtain a degree or a certificate from OCCC in the spring need to complete their graduation applications this semester, said Graduation Services Director Barbara Gowdy.

“We suggest [students] apply the semester before they plan to graduate,” Gowdy said. “That way, if there are courses they … might need, they have time to get enrolled.”

Gowdy said students should be aware of deadlines.

“We have deadlines that are published in the catalog and that’s the third week of each semester,” she said. “However, we accept applications up until the last day of the semester because we are not going to not let someone graduate because they missed a deadline.”

Despite the Graduation Office’s willingness to work with students, missing a deadline may come with complications, Gowdy said.

“The spring deadline is important because we do go by that as far as getting [a student’s] name into the commencement program,” she said. “In summer and fall, [the student] has already graduated, so we have plenty of time. But if [the student] doesn’t apply by the spring deadline, then we can’t guarantee their name will be in the program.”

Students are provided advice regarding anything that they may be missing in order receive their degree or certificate.

“We send an email once we receive [a student’s] application,” Gowdy said. “Then we send another one saying this is what we show you’re enrolled in and this is what we show that you might need.”

Students also will need to complete a computer proficiency portion for their graduation application.

Gowdy said there are several ways students can do this.

“There’s a list [of classes] in the catalog,” she said. “These classes would qualify as a computer proficiency class, Gowdy said.

“Any online class would suffice,” she said. “Or if you work, there’s a form that your employer can fill out for that.”

Gowdy said a computer science class taken in high school also qualifies.

There are two options students have for submitting an application, she said — a paper application [or] an online one as well.

Gowdy said if a student completes the online application located at www.occc.edu/records, it would fulfill the computer proficiency portion of the application.

For more information, call Gowdy at 405-682-7528 or visit the Graduation Office on the first floor of the Main Building.

OCCC employees win prestigious film, video awards

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OCCC employees Video Production Specialist Dan Anderson and Video Production Technician Robert Lane recently earned awards for their video work. Both men’s video entries earned Silver Awards, the highest Telly honor, at the 34th Annual Telly Awards.

Anderson’s commercial spot, “Community,” for OCCC’s “Now is Power” campaign, and Lane’s online public service announcement spot, “Clear Head,” produced for OCCC’s Student Support Services department, won in the “schools, colleges and universities” category.

Anderson said awards are based on production value, message, content and more.

“It’s an industry standard that’s set for judging,” Anderson said. “If you meet the criteria on certain levels then you’re awarded different types of things.

“Our criteria met the highest level so we were awarded Silver Awards.”

Anderson said his spot also won an award in the “communicator” category.

“Lane said this was his first time submitting an entry for the competition. “It felt pretty good because I had never won an award [in video] before,” Lane said.

This was Anderson’s second submission in the competition.

“It’s definitely an honor because it’s a worldwide competition,” Anderson said. “If you go onto the Telly’s site and look at the people who have won and were awarded the distinction of the Silver Award, we’re competing against production houses from New York City, Los Angeles, and … around the world.

Anderson said he and Lane were up against challenging odds.

“We’re competing against people who have a lot more resources and a lot more people on a crew. “[Lane] did his [spot] on his own,” Anderson said, “whereas the spot that I did was part of a year-long research project from the marketing department in conjunction with Third Degree Advertising.

“I shot it, I edited it. I physically produced the spot.”

Anderson said he has a news background.

“I originally moved here from Illinois in 1989,” Anderson said. “I came out of a news broadcasting background. I was a photographer at KFOR for 20 years. I was here during probably some of the biggest news that ever happened in Oklahoma — the Oklahoma City bombing, the May 3, 1999, tornado, the bombing trials. I’ve been … at the college for five years.”

Lane said he isn’t originally from Oklahoma.

“I’ve been here for almost five years. I’m from the Washington, D.C. area.

“I moved to Nashville when I was 22 and went to film school there. I lived there for like 10 years. I met my wife there, too. She’s from here so I am here now in Oklahoma.”

Lane said he attended Watkins College of Art, Design & Film.

To watch Anderson’s video, “Community,” visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MjsaE5neyM.

To watch Lane’s video, “Clear Head,” visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=H40RuvIjm7U.

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—BARBARA GOWDY
Graduation Services Director
Labor Day fun happening all around

Students make holiday plans:

“I’ll probably be sleeping.”
—Cayla Hamby
English major

“I’m going to do some grilling out with my friends.”
—Daniel Woodruff
Engineering major

“I’m going to be checking out Arts Festival Oklahoma.”
—Antoinette Kendrick
Psychology major

Fireworks, German beer, just a few offerings for three-day weekend

Oktoberfest 2013 will take place at Choctaw Creek park at 14098 NE 21st St. in Choctaw, Aug. 30 through Sept. 7.

Park hours are: 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, Aug. 30; noon to midnight Saturday, Aug. 31 through Labor Day.

Live music, German food, and more than 30 German draught beers to choose from will be among the many highlights of Oktoberfest. Admission to the park is $5 per adult. Kids under 12 are free. Parking in the park is free. For more information, email festivals@choctawfestival.org or visit www.choctawfestival.org/oktoberfest.

Fireworks in Bricktown will take place after the OKC Redhawks vs. Memphis Redbirds game. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in Bricktown. For more information, call 405-218-1000 or visit www.oklahomaredhawks.com.

OKC’s Wiggle Out Loud Family Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1, at Bicentennial Park located at 500 Couch Dr. in downtown Oklahoma City. Wiggle Out Loud is a free, active-family music festival in downtown Oklahoma City that aims to get kids of all ages movin’ and groovin’ their way to healthier lives.

Seven of the top local, regional and national touring acts will rock center stage, providing the upbeat soundtrack for a variety of health and fitness related activities spanning the park. The festival also serves as a kick-off to National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, so local vendors will be on-site to offer a tasty variety of healthy foods and beverages throughout the day.

Collaborations with local arts organizations will add color and texture to the festival atmosphere, including a mini deluxe craft fair and an assortment of fun hands-on art and music-related activities. In addition, a separate side stage will host performances by student groups. Admission is free for all ages. For more information, email info@wiggleoutloud.com.

Arcadia’s 30th Annual Western Heritage Festival & Rodeo: Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1. Several events are planned.

FRIDAY, AUG. 30:
• “Blues In The Night” Blues Festival. Starts at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 at the Arcadia Municipal Park. Bring your lawn chairs and umbrellas. Food concession will be on site. Admission is $10. For more information, call 405-396-2510.
• Street Dance & Talent Show from 9 p.m. to midnight in downtown Arcadia on Main Street. This event is free. The talent show is open for entries in all categories including: singing and dancing. Talent entries will perform during the street dance.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31:
• Parade starts at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31. All entries are welcome including: businesses, elected officials, churches, civic/social organizations, drill teams, marching groups, floats, cars, trucks, Round-Up Clubs. Trophies awarded. Only pre-registered groups will be judged. Please enter early.
• Open entry rodeo: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31. Bull Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Team Roping, Senior Barrel Racing, Junior Barrel Racing. Pony Express. Admission: 13 years old and up, $10; ages 6 to 12 yrs., $5; 5 years old and under, free.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1:
• Gospel Extravaganza starts at 4 p.m.
• Rodeo – Open Entry starts at 8 p.m.
For more information, visit www.townofarcadia.com/festivalrodeo.

—www.okcabout.com

Safety should be number one priority

Labor Day safety is the most important and most overlooked part of any end of summer bash. While no one Labor Day activity is particularly unsafe, the combination of crowds, alcohol, increased travel and being around water can add an element of danger to your holiday plans. By thinking about safety and taking the necessary precautions, your Labor Day can be as safe as it is fun.

Labor Day Safety around Water

Whether you’re spending the day at the lake or your own swimming pool, Labor Day safety is critical. Make sure young or inexperienced swimmers have floatation devices or life vests to use while in or around the water. When taking children to a boating lake, make sure they understand which areas are for boats and which areas are for swimming or floating on rafts.

Labor Day Safety on the Road

No matter where you’re going, Labor Day safety on the road is an area you can’t afford to ignore because people die during holiday travel each year. To stay safe on the road, try to avoid distractions as best you can. Even if you’d normally be able to eat a snack or take a cell phone call while driving, it’s best to avoid these things during peak holiday travel times. More people on the road often increase the accident potential for an otherwise safe driver.

Labor Day Safety at Home

You’re not immune from Labor Day accidents even when spending the holiday at home. It’s a smart idea to instuct children to stay away from the grill while you barbecue.

General Labor Day Safety Tips

Remember, even if you aren’t a drinker, chances are good that someone else on the road or at the lake is. As the afternoon goes on, become more conscious of those around you. It only takes a second for someone with impaired judgment to veer into your lane on the highway or enter the swimming area of the lake with their jet ski. While being paranoid isn’t a part of Labor Day safety, staying aware is.

—www.superpages.com/supertips/labor-day-safety

OCCC is closed Monday, Sept. 2, for Labor Day holiday. The Pioneer staff wishes you and your family a safe, fun extended weekend

—www.okcabout.com
Some new, some familiar faculty faces in classrooms

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This fall OCCC students will see some new faces among the faculty and also some familiar faces in new positions.

Nathaniel Abraham, new to the campus this semester, teaches human anatomy and physiology classes. Eventually, he said, he also will teach cadaver dissection in the college’s cadaver lab. He received a doctorate of veterinary medicine in India. He then came to the states for his second doctorate degree. “In 1997, I earned my doctorate in developmental biology at St. John’s University in New York.”

Math Professor Daniel Bakewell was formerly a developmental instructor in the Math Lab before moving into the classroom. “My love for teaching was so strong that I just couldn’t resist coming back,” she said. “Not just the professors are here to help but a great staff and learning labs to support students throughout their time here.”

American Federal Government will be taught by new professor Sharon Vaughan. “When I interviewed here, the people were so nice I just loved it,” she said. “When I had other job offers, I picked OCCC because I thought it was the best place for me.”

Vaughan said she has taught at both universities and community colleges in various states. “I was a professor at Morehouse College in Atlanta,” she said. “It’s where Dr. Martin Luther King went to school.” She also taught at Richland College of the Dallas County Community College District.

“That’s when I decided I really like teaching community college,” Vaughan said. She received bachelor’s degrees in philosophy and political science from OU. She said she received both her master’s degree and doctorate in government from the University of Texas at Austin.

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Randa Pospisil said she received her associate degree at OCCC and then went to Southern Nazarene University for her bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Both English Composition I and II will be taught by Professor Dean Reusser this semester as he settles into his new faculty role. But he also has expertise in teaching mathematics.

“I’m looking forward to really sinking my teeth into my new full-time position and being available to all my students whenever I can be,” he said. “I have my bachelor’s of science in English education and a minor in math education.”

Reusser also has a master’s degree in bilingual education, teaching English as a second or other language from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Reusser said OCCC is a great place to learn and encourages everyone who might be apprehensive about starting college to come here.

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Reusser also has a master’s degree in bilingual education, teaching English as a second or other language from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Reusser said OCCC is a great place to learn and encourages everyone who might be apprehensive about starting college to come here.

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Students interested in jumping, setting and spiking will want to register for the upcoming volleyball season. Registration for the 2013 fall season of 6-o-6 coed volleyball is now open through 5 p.m. Nov. 5, said Matthew Wright, intramural sport assistant.

OCCC students can join teams for free with a current ID. OCCC faculty and staff can join as well, Wright said.

“Anyone can join — a student, teacher or faculty, and anyone can form … teams.”

Wright said the regular season starts Wednesday, Nov. 6, and will continue through Wednesday, Dec. 4, with game times from 4 to 8 p.m.

The minimum number of players needed to have a team is five. The maximum is nine, Wright said. The teams are coed.

“Since we are a smaller college, it is harder to get multiple teams of boys and girls to play against each other so to make it easier, we combined it into one league,” Wright said. “The important thing is it’s all for fun.”

He said practice times are up to the team.

“They do not have to even practice,” he said. “That is completely up to the team and its members to decide …”

Wright said the sport was canceled last season for lack of interest.

“We did not have enough teams to play so they canceled the season.”

Broadcast journalism major Stephen Windsor said he wasn’t aware OCCC had sports.

“Flag football registration closes. For more information, call Sport and Recreation Specialist Eric Watson 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.”

For more information about joining this or any other intramural sports team, contact Wright at mwright@occc.edu or call 405-682-7860.
Disturbance, paraphernalia top police reports

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A disturbance in the Veterans Affairs office, the discovery of drug paraphernalia, and car vandalism kept OCCC police busy the third week of August.

On Aug. 15, Officer Gordon Nelson responded to a disturbance call in the Veterans Services office.

According to a report, by the time Nelson arrived, the man who had been the subject of the call was standing quietly outside of the office.

Nelson said he spoke with the agitated man, calmed him down and then asked him not to conduct any more business in the Veterans Services office for the day.

The man agreed and left the area.

On Monday, Aug. 12, part-time Library worker Deanna Hempel told campus police her right front tire had been punctured by what she believed to have been an ice pick or screwdriver while she was parked in Lot B.

Hempel said she discovered the damaged tire on Aug. 8.

Hempel said the possible cause of the puncture was given when she had an inspection done by Hibdon Tires on Aug. 9.

When Officer Gary Moore reviewed surveillance footage, it did not reveal any possible suspects because Hempel’s car was obscured by a tree.

Hempel said she did not have any potential suspects in mind.

On Aug. 15, a pink makeup purse was turned into the campus police department’s lost and found.

According to a report filed by Officer Patrick Marino, drug paraphernalia was found inside the purse.

The owner of the purse was contacted, and the purse and its contents were given back to her.

Marino said the paraphernalia was placed into property custody for more thorough analysis.

To contact campus police, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7747.

For an emergency, use one of the call boxes located inside and outside on campus or call 405-682-7872.

Enrollment: Report shows enrollment down significantly

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Female enrollment is currently at 7,301 while last year’s female student population numbered 7,795, a difference of 6.3 percent. Male enrollment is currently at 4,916 while last year’s was 5,282, a difference of 6.9 percent.

In terms of race and ethnicity, most have declined.

Black/African-American student enrollment currently shows a 16.3 percent decrease at 1,173 compared to last year’s 1,402.

Native American/Alaskan student enrollment currently shows a 9.1 percent decrease at 626 compared to last year’s 689.

White student enrollment shows a 6.5 percent decrease at 6,812 compared to last year’s 7,285.

Overall, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander student enrollment shows a 21.2 percent decrease at 41 compared to last year’s 52.

Other ethnic groups have seen an increase.

The report shows a 7.4 percent increase in Hispanic/Latino enrollment at 914 compared to last year’s 851.

Asian enrollment has experienced a 5.3 percent increase at 377 compared to last year’s 358.

Concurrent student enrollment has increased by 5.9 percent at 594 compared to last year’s 561.

Harvey said online enrollment does not show as big a decrease as traditional enrollment.

“We’re about flat with last year in our online enrollment, down about 1 or 2 percent which is good,” Harvey said.

“That’s heartening. It’s been abigpart of our growth over the last 10 years,” Institutional Research Analyst Matthew Eastwood said the college also is seeing younger students with the average age of students this fall being 25.5 compared to 26.2 last fall.

Harvey confirmed those numbers.

“Average age has declined, which is another way of saying that older students have dropped out,” Harvey said.

While these numbers are early in the semester and are susceptible to change, Harvey said, it is not likely the change will be dramatic.

For more information, call Harvey at 405-682-7849, or email sharvey@occc.edu.

Issues: Concerns range from parking to book prices

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“Parking is a big issue right now,” Patel said.

Sonology major Cassidy Presley said the entry closure has made it difficult to get inside from certain parking areas as well as increased foot traffic at other entries.

“With the front entrance in the main building messed up, it’s hard getting in to the school.”

One student said she has figured out a solution to the parking problem.

“The Social Sciences parking lot is where I park at and has plenty of spaces open,” said political science major Carol Robinson.

OCCC also does its best to help students find available parking.

The OCCC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ otriplec posts daily updates on the parking situation with which lots are open and which ones are already full. In addition, students who use Twitter can get updates by following @OCCCParking said Marketing and Public Relations Assistant Director Deidre Steiner.

“It just depends on what is going on,” Steiner said.

“Also, if you need to ask a question you can put it on the wall or send them a personal message and someone should respond back fairly quickly,” OCCC Project Manager Larry Barnes said students should try to be patient.

“Everything will be complete by Sept. 25 on lot C,” Barnes said.

Parking isn’t the only headache some students face.

Book prices are another common complaint.

Broadcast journalism major Ashlyn Towery said she feels she has to spend too much on books.

“I spent a total os $527 on books this semester,” Towery said.

New student Juan Montoya agrees.

“It is … a hassle spending that much on books,” Montoya said. “This is my first year here and it really does cost a lot for these books.”

Biology major Stuart Braud said he looks for ways to save money when he buys textbooks.

“I buy a used copy of the book,” Braud said. “And I came across a book that I could use for (both) my Biology I and II classes.”

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March on Washington celebrated

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About 100 people attended OCCC’s celebration of the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom of 1963. The Aug. 28 event in the college union left several students in tears and others impressed.

Shaqetta Mack, sociology major, was among them. "Martin Luther King is part of my ethnic group," she said. "I wish I'd had the opportunity to meet him."

King's "I Have a Dream" speech was delivered that day in 1963 before the Lincoln Memorial and rebroadcast for students at the college event.

Claudia Munoz, speech language pathology major, said it was a wonderful celebration.

"I had chills through the whole thing," she said.

Zaid Kharrit, Spanish major from Morocco, said he attended both to listen to King's speech and to see how many people were interested.

Nursing major Nicole Locke said she was volunteering with the Arts Festival and decided to take a break to attend.

Sharon Vaughn, political science professor, lectured on how far the U.S. has come as a nation since that time and how much further the country has yet to travel.

"We have reduced Dr. King to a caricature," she said.

Vaughn described King as a genius of incredible intellect who gave Americans "moral leadership," which is a rare thing. Vaughn taught at King's alma mater, Morehouse College in Atlanta, before joining the OCCC faculty this fall.

"The ultimate authority of what happens in this country is up to us," she said, noting that everyone who benefits from King's sacrifice is "standing on his shoulders."

The '60s were a time of racial turmoil, Vaughn said. Things changed when the news media was able to film the brutality against peaceful, non-violent protesters. Americans were moved into action after seeing the news coverage.

"Pictures don't lie," she said.

King not only gave his life for others, but also was arrested 30 times, Vaughn said.

"It takes someone who is totally selfless, who is willing to be a martyr for society," she said.

He was a young father of 34 when he gave the famous "I Have a Dream" speech. A year later he was presented with the Nobel Prize and Time magazine put him on the cover as "Man of the Year." Five years later, he was assassinated.

Political Science Professor Dana Glencross said racism still exists in America and added that U.S. Supreme Court's recent rulings have affected voting rights. The meeting concluded with a video of Morehouse College's choir singing "We Shall Overcome."

OCCC Librarians Tricia Sweany and Dana Tuley-Williams brought a variety of books to check out after the event. Students interested in learning more about Martin Luther King Jr., the March on Washington, or Civil Rights can find books and other materials at the college library.
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